GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:394
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2002
SUPPLY OF INFERIOR QUALITY OF UREA
CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many fertilizer companies in the country are manufacturing inferior quality of urea for supplying to the farming sector;

(b) whether the Government have received any complaints in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the supply of quality products to the farming sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.394 FOR 17.12.2002 ASKED BY SHR CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH REGARDING SUPPLY OF INFERIOR QUALITY OF UREA.

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Central Government has not received any complaint recentlyabout manufacture of non-standard urea by any company.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): The Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), issued under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act (ECA) prohibits manufacture, import and sale of non- standard, spurious and adulterated fertilizers. The State Governments, who areprimarily responsible for implementing the FCO provisions, have been givenadequate powers to punish the offenders under clause 31 of FCO as well as prosecution under ECA.